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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. Board Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, August 18, 2014 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Those present and the Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Steve Smith – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent). Mayor Speiser announced there is a quorum.

### EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes for approval from the Regular Board meeting Monday, July 21, 2014.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 21, 2014 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

### EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes for approval from the Regular Board meeting Monday, August 4, 2014.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 4, 2014 and Trustee Matt Trout seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**ESDA REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

### EXHIBIT C :

**REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:** Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. If you have any questions contact Zoning Administrator Gary Henning.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None  
**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:** Mayor Speiser stated next we have the Cellular Tower Bid Opening, which we have four bids.

1. Mayor Speiser stated Landmark's bid is 125,000 exchange for a 99 year easement.
2. Mayor Speiser stated next is Telcom Lease Adviser bid is \$150, 000.
3. Mayor Speiser stated Unisom bid is \$114,000.
4. Mayor Speiser stated American Tower bid is \$300,000

Mayor Speiser said these bids will now go to Finance Committee and something will be on the next board meeting agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1513. An Ordinance Authorizing Annexing the Vonderheide Property.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to accept Ordinance #1513 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Speiser welcomed Mr. Vonderheide to the Village.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS -** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**Committee As A Whole Meeting:**

Mayor Speiser called the Committee As A Whole Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

Mayor Speiser stated we went over some of the chapters in the Code Book and there will be another Code Book session as Committee as a Whole tomorrow evening August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**EXHIBIT F:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Mike Blaies called the meeting of the Electric Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

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**The following items were talked about or discussed:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Rate Study: Trustee Blaies stated we can't do anything on this until the audit is completed. Trustee Blaies said the audit firm said they are waiting on a response to an attorney letter sent to Van Lear Eckert.

2. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment: Trustee Blaies said Shane has prices coming in from three companies on the surplus transformers. Trustee Blaies said Shane took pictures of the trencher, tractor and front bucket to bid out. Mike said John will have some equipment as well including a truck and utility bed from the water truck.

3. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Trustee Blaies said we are still discussing this issue.

4. Shed: Trustee Blaies said Shane is continuing to get equipment moved over to the shed. Mike said John's goal is to get the sewer in later on.

5. Charter Pole Agreement: Trustee Blaies said we are meeting with Verbal to work on the pole rate calculator.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Blaies said Shane is working on backyard easement project's where he is taking problem areas and moving the electric underground.

**EXHIBIT H:**

**Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)**

Trustee Dean Pruett called the meeting of Public Works Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

**The following items were talked about or discussed:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Sewer project: Trustee Pruett stated there was a problem with Helms in stating he did not received a copy of the letter sent to their attorney regarding their annexation. Village Administrator Tony confirmed Larry Rhutasel is working to keep our permit valid.

2. Countryside Lane annexations: Trustee Pruett said John has met with Rhutasel and they will work up the water line proposal to get it submitted to EPA. John will have the agreement for the first board meeting in September.

3. GIS Implementation: Trustee Pruett said John has the template. We will start submitting our plans to TWM so they can get the information uploaded.

4. Payment Service Network Service: Trustee Pruett said it will still take about 4-6 weeks before we can go live with this payment system. The staff has had one training session already.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Pruett said that John advised the committee about a recent problem with Freeburg's drinking water. Dean said John confirmed that our levels in Freeburg are fine. Trustee Pruett said we also received notice that SLM had problems during that same time frame which could explain why our system had problems. Trustee Pruett stated we have combined our notices and they will be mailed to all water customers on Friday. Trustee Pruett said that John told the staff if anyone receives phone calls, to take their contact information and he will personally call each resident to explain everything.

**EXHIBIT H**

**Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)**

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

**The following items were talked about or discussed under:**

**POOL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Pool : Trustee Niebruegge said the pool is closed for the season. Trustee Niebruegge said we passed our inspection. We are going to retrain two lifeguards on the chemicals and that should save some on cost for next year.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Niebruegge said Tony met with Tony at Rhutasel and advised this project is not going to come in under \$245,000. Trustee Niebruegge said Tony said they have found \$20,000 where the Village can do the work and save that money. Trustee Niebruegge stated we are waiting to hear from John Schaller of IDOT to see if they are okay with that. This project won't go out for bid again until January. We have sent a letter to the residents providing them with an update on this.

2. Shady Lane Dispute: Trustee Niebruegge said the title company is conducting the title search.

3. Cemetery Road: Trustee Niebruegge said Village Administrator Tony is hoping to meet with Mark Kern on this issue.

4. Village Hall Carpet/Cleaning: Trustee Niebruegge said the committee agreed to have Absolute Clean to clean the carpets and clean and wax the tile floors.

5. Grant for Gazebo: Trustee Niebruegge said we will pour the concrete for the gazebo in September and go from there. We hope to have it ready for Veterans Day.

6. Grant opportunities: Trustee Niebruegge stated that Village Administrator Tony advised the committee we received a \$25,000 from DCEO. Trustee Niebruegge stated Mayor Speiser would like to use all of the \$25,000 for sidewalk repair/replacement. Trustee Niebruegge said Village Administrator Tony is also working on a grant for a shelter by the pool.

7. Welcome to Freeburg sign: Trustee Niebruegge stated that Jerry Williams can replace the sign by Wiegmanns and at the north end of town. This is a temporary fix until the committee can decide which direction we are going with it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Freeburg Fire Department Request: Trustee Niebruegge said the Freeburg Fire Department requested permission to do their annual collection for Muscular Dystrophy Association on Friday, August 22, 2014 from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. With a rain-out date of Friday, August 29, 2014 same time.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** Trustee Niebruegge said Public Works Director John advised us they will oil and chip on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Niebruegge stated the mower has been purchased. The speed bumps in the park have been fixed. The trees and branches that needed to be removed in the cemetery have been taken care of.

#### **EXHIBIT I:**

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Trustee Steve Smith called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. New Business Incentive: Trustee Smith stated we have a business interested in moving into the Industrial Park and is looking to purchase two 5-acre tracts. Village Administrator Tony would like to present them with information about Freeburg and what we have to offer. Trustee Smith said Village Administrator Tony was also contacted by someone interested in locating a hotel in the Industrial Park area.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Committee As A Whole Meeting – Tuesday, August 19, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

**CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY – Monday, September 1, 2014.**  
Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 2, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Dean Pruett** – No thank you.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – No thank you.

**Trustee Mike Blaies** – He would like to welcome Mr. Vonderheide to the village.

**Trustee Matt Trout** – He thanked everyone who helped at the homecoming and he would also like to welcome Mr. Vonderheide to the village.

**Trustee Steve Smith** – No thank you.

**Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge** – She would like to welcome Mr. Vonderheide to the village. And also another great homecoming parade.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – She would like to welcome Mr. Vonderheide to the village. She said she feels like we had a good success this year even with the rain.

**Mayor Seth Speiser** – He thanked everyone for coming this evening. And welcomed Mr. Vonderheide to the village.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Funderburg:** He would like to welcome Mr. Vonderheide to the village.

**Attorney Manion** – He said he enjoyed the parade.

**Public Works Director John Tolan:** - He would like to let everyone know he was hit with candy by our Attorney Brian. He also wanted to know if he and Gary get fishing rights on Mr. Vonderheide lake now that he is annexed into the village.

**Zoning Administrator Gary Henning** – He said ditto on the homecoming parade. He would like to thank John and his crew for taking care of the grass that people didn't take care of on their property. He also welcomed Mr. Vonderheide to the village.

**Trustee Mike Blaies** - He said he would like to thanked John and his crew for getting the electric back on so quickly.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk